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## STAR EDITORIALS

## Extension of Drop Date Necessary

The nine-week drop date has passed, unfortunately, for the countless number of students who were still unsure whether to drop a class or not.

Is nine weeks enough time for students to survey a class and decide whether or not to stay in that class? Star believes it is not.

Students who have a weak "C" average in a class at the nine-week mark must make a hasty decision. They must choose between struggling along in the class or dropping. Simply, in nine-weeks' time, students do not have enough input into a class to make such a choice.

Originally, the nine-week date was set because midterm grades were issued that week. Today, midterm grades are no longer issued.

Many instructors today do not give midterms, and of those who do, many do not have them graded in time for students to evaluate their standing and make a choice whether to drop or not.

There is also the possibility that students who choose to struggle on after the nine-week date, instead of dropping, will falter and receive a "D," or "Fail." Is it fair that they should suffer because they did not know what was ahead?

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## LETTERS

## Treasurer Supports Efforts For Representation on Council

## Editor:

I am writing this in reference to recent happenings on campus concerning Blacks and Chicanos desiring to be directly represented on council. I find it a sad irony that only a few years ago we were telling minorities that the real way to get things accomplished was not by tearing down and working outside the system but rather by working within the system.

Now those groups are doing just that, instead of threats and self-alienation these groups are talking and partaking in a drive to become part of the school system and now our student government is telling them "stay out, if you (the minorities) need any representation we (the student government) will do it for you."

This feeling expresses a supremist attitude and a lack of understanding of what representation is all about. I am of the belief that in reality no individual can truly represent all or even part of the interests of those he supposedly represents. Therefore, representation is an agreement that I, for example, as treasurer represent those who agreed that I may do so.

Once an individual(s) doesn't agree that an officer represents him, then by definition he does not. And these same groups now say that by using the mechanisms of the system they want to establish an additional office whereby they can be by their agreement be represented. And since the game of government on any level whether it be that of Valley College

## LETTERS

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by 10:30 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

Letters should be typewritten with a maximum length of 250-300 words. Letters may be edited for length or conciseness. Also, include student I.D. number and signature. Names will be withheld upon request.

And to congratulate the photographers of the "Star" for their crea-

or on the federal government level is that of representation of as many divergent groups as possible we not only have justification but, moreover, the obligation to create this suggested minority office to be represented on council.

In retort to this I am sure that you will hear such rationalizations as "If we let Blacks and Chicanos have an elected office then that sets a precedent for any other group to demand representation on council. To this I have two responses.

First this is like the argument, "what if everyone in the United States flushed their toilet at the same time." Obviously, not everybody does and wants to do the same thing. Or they would have done it much earlier. Besides the needs and wants of White Irishmen, Italians, Japanese are much closer than this same group compared with the Blacks and Chicanos.

Keep up the good work: it's vital and appreciated! These examples are some of the best newspaper photographs I've ever seen—more like what one hopes for in slick or glossy magazines. If this is a new approach or style in newphotos I certainly welcome it.

Fidel Daniels  
Associate Professor of Art

## Another Mistake

Editor:

You have made the same mistake again. I don't really mind but I think the other people involved do.

A few editions ago, in an article about financial aid, you promoted me to Director of Financial Aid. In your last edition I am now Asst. Prof. Biology (a natural mistake—I failed to mention my title so you looked it up and found Micheleine Carr in the Bio. Dept.) For future reference I am Michael A. Car, Asst. FAO CC-108, Ext. 413.

I appreciate your publishing my letter.

M. A. Car  
Poetaster in residence

## When Valley Was Young

Headlines in the May 31, 1957, issue of Star proclaimed that the "old silo and farmhouse bordering the northeast corner of the campus" were to be leveled to make way for Valley College's "modern campus."

In the June 6, 1957, issue of Star it was revealed that over half of the anticipated enrollment had been reached—over 1,500 students had so far enrolled at Valley.



Now they tell me!

## VALLEY FORGE

## A.S. Election Code Defaces Constitution

According to the A.S. Election Code, publicity for candidates for A.S. offices may not begin until May 7. Recent events have called into question the constitutional validity of that regulation.

There are few instances under law where the freedom of speech can be limited by the threat of penalty, and even fewer instances where it can be pre-restrained.

An example of the former is a speech whose intent (as proven through the courts) is to incite violence. An example of the latter is Valley's refusal to permit use of campus grounds and facilities for religious proselytizing and the derogation of one religion by another.

Yet where does it say that a person may not announce his intentions to run for a public office in this country until a particular date? Not in the real world—George McGovern was not told when he could begin campaigning. He did so when he felt like it, and no power in this country had the legal right to stop him.

At Valley College, however, candidates must wait until May 7 before they can announce their intentions for the coming election. Is this legal? I seriously doubt that it is. The constitutional principles that exist in the real world also exist on college campuses.

CLYDE WEISS  
Editor-in-Chief



The reason such obvious violations of legal rights exist at all is that they are drawn up without legal counsel and must await legal tests (should it be necessary to go that far) to be overturned.

One way or another, this regulation should be overturned.

Granted, a college campus must keep at a minimum those activities which interfere with the "normal" activities of the college. Elections bring out the posters and banners that deface the campus. It is understandable that the college would desire to restrict the posting of banners and flyers to a specifically limited time.

Granted, elections are characterized by candidates who request and receive time in classes to campaign. This type of activity cannot be permitted beyond a brief and specified period of time.

But what is wrong with an individual speaking about his candidacy even a year in advance (if that is his desire) in the Free Speech Area? It does not interfere with any school functions (since the space is reserved in advance). It does not "deface" the campus, despite what some would say about elections. And under every legal principle I am aware of, there is no way to restrict it short of violating the constitution.

Yet restricted it is. Some might argue that it offers all candidates an equal chance in the public's eyes by requiring them to start all at the same time. Maybe, but it hasn't been proven. And in fact, it might prove detrimental.

If a person wishes to take the initiative and start campaigning long before the election, long before his opponents, he should have the right to do so. The other candidates might cry foul, but they would really have nobody to blame but themselves.

While the A.S. Election Committee could justify limiting the more frivolous aspects of campaigning which interfere with the instructional process of the school, it should keep its hands off the basic right of free speech.

Until that regulation is overturned voluntarily by the A.S. Election Committee or involuntarily by court order (and I would hope some A.S. candidate would officially contest that rule), A.S. elections will continue to deface the constitution. It is a slap on the faces of us all.

## CIVIC CENTER

## Editor Notes News Items: Says Minorities Should Run on Own Merit; Hits Censoring

Certain minority groups, it seems, are looking for an easy out by asking for separate representation on A.S. Council.

We can surely all agree with the fact that these minorities have suffered from prejudice, ignorance, and stupidity on the part of the majority, but why should they be any different? Why should two certain minority groups be represented when others will not be?

If two minorities are given representation on A.S. Council, it opens the door for all minority groups on campus to ask, and be justified in asking for representation on council.

The rallying cry of the civil rights movement has been equality. Out with the "separate but equal," we are all brothers. Yet, wouldn't separate representation for two specific



LEW SNOW

City Editor

minority groups be just that, "separate but equal?"

Who is to say these two minorities should be represented but not the others? Is this not discrimination? But aren't we fighting discrimination? Ah-hah, things start to become cloudy on the horizon.

One, or even two, offices will not provide the "representation" these groups wish. The only way to achieve that is to run for offices and to win.

In our representative type of government, all are welcome to run for offices. This even includes minority groups (no put-down intended). Any person on this campus, with a well-run, well-organized, and low-budget campaign, can win any office he wishes—because college students

these days look at the issues and not the color of a candidate's skin or the nationality of his surname. This is especially true at a community college located in a "liberal" area, as Valley College is.

There is no substitute for a hard run campaign. If minorities wish a voice in government, they should challenge that decision. But distributors must remember, the administration is responsible, and must protect the welfare of the students it serves.

If it doesn't, of what use is it? \* \* \*

Another "hot" issue is whether wholesale distribution of religious pamphlets or flyers should be allowed on a community college campus.

One must remember that the administration of the campus is responsible for any and all flyers and such that are distributed on that campus.

If the administration deems the material "offensive" to any or all students who hold other religious views, it has the right to deny the distribution of that material.

Finally, there is nothing wrong with a person's announcement of his candidacy for office, even if it is a month earlier than deemed "proper."

What the Election Committee's decision has done is to deny the freedom of speech to an ambitious candidate. If a person is interested enough in running for an office, there is no reason why he must wait until a date set at the whim of seven students, rather, seven "political animals."

It was an unreasonable, and possibly biased, ruling.

## FEATURE THIS

## Peering Eyes in New Speech Classes Ask More Than 'Lend Me Your Ears'

By JOHN REID  
Staff Writer

The hand used to be quicker than the eye. In David Moody's speech classes, however, the eye belongs to a video-tape camera, and is transforming the subject into more than just a link of forgettable oratory.

Used regularly for the past one-and-a-half years, the invigorating application of tape and graphics by Moody is only now gathering steam. A tour of his class reveals a movie projector that broadcasts its sound over wireless headphones, and a lecture that is target for both camera lenses and student scrutiny.

What the video-equipment provides, of course, is the ability for a student to see himself in the act of being himself. More than just a second-hand description, the taped playbacks "are more realistic," says Moody. "There is nothing quite like seeing ourselves."

Indeed, repeated "ah's" and "um's" turn to song, and shifting legs prove more than just itchy fabric. By seeing his speech days after he has given it, the student's anxiety has cooled, and he is able to evaluate it with his peers' comments in mind. This system allows his group to watch their speeches while the remainder of the class is either seeing a film or doing their own rhetoric.

Approaches to speech education have also evolved accordingly. "We are not just concerned whether a student makes good eye contact," said Moody, "but the behavior that leads to good eye contact." Dropped from the college curriculum of required subjects, speech's new concept will have to justify its validity.

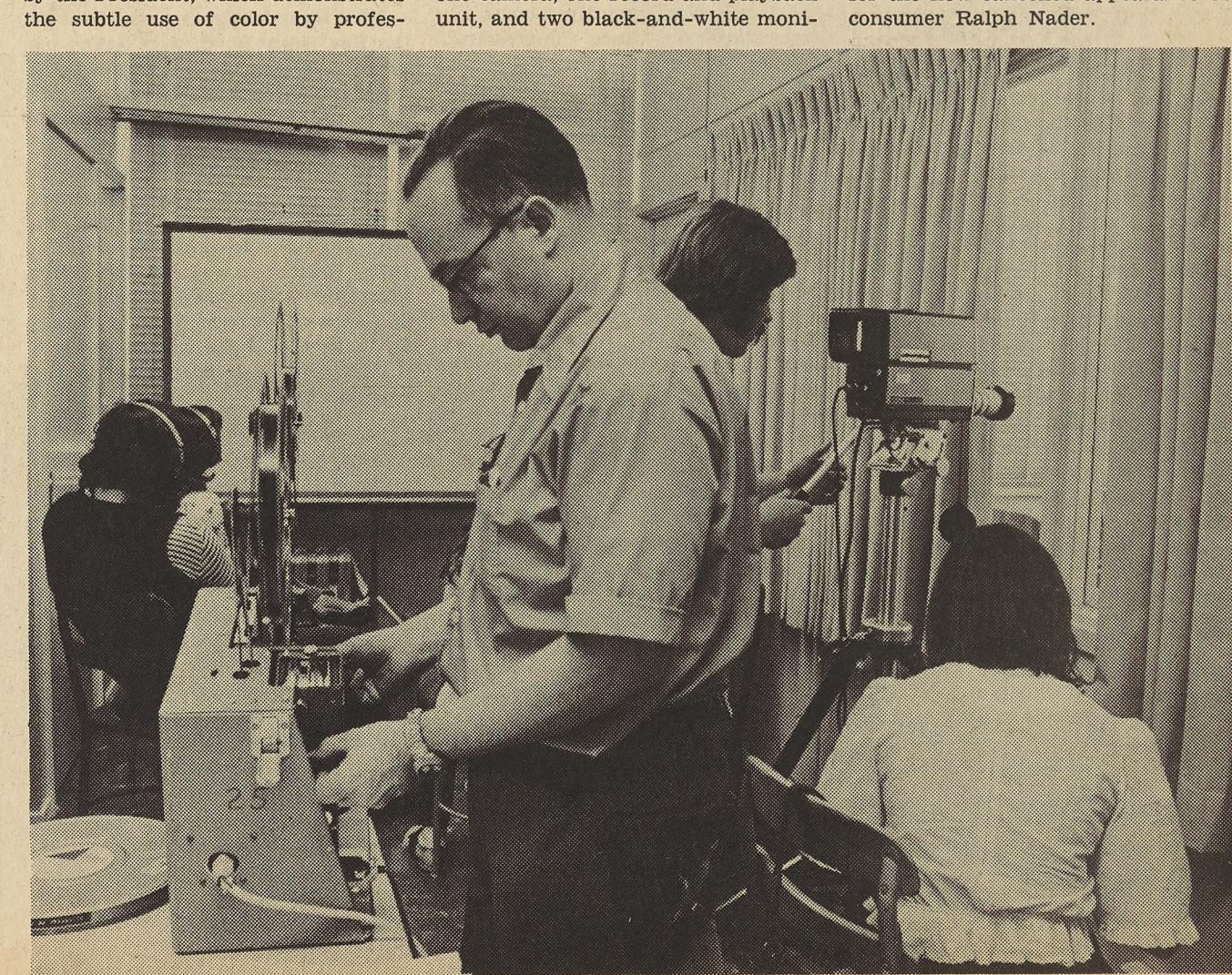
Currently, though, questions center on whether a student learns better watching his playback in a class of 30 people, or on his own time. In such

circumstances, how much teacher and student communication will suffer? How many live speeches does one need to see?

In addition to the instruction of oral communication, Moody's graphics also include recorded speeches by the President, which demonstrates the subtle use of color by profes-

sionals. Films on prejudice, creativity, and language are screened to stimulate awareness, and evoke thinking far beyond the classes wooden bungalow.

The equipment is being financed by three different grants. For \$3,000, one camera, one record and playback unit, and two black-and-white moni-



IN A FOREST of video-tape and monitors, David Moody, professor of speech, utilizes innovative aids to help his students learn the fundamentals of public speaking.

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# Group Condemns News Censorship

A resolution condemning censorship and prior restraint of student newspapers was adopted last week by the student section of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC).

Students representing 64 community colleges throughout the state approved a resolution, presented by Pierce College in Woodland Hills, aimed at alleged censorship and prior restraint of the Trade Winds of L.A. Trade-Technical College.

The resolution states that "no pertinent news story shall be unpublished if written objectively and without bias;

"There shall be no censorship or prior restraint, administration or otherwise, of any student newspaper;

"Any student opinion, no matter how critical, shall warrant publication if written within the canons of good journalism."

Trade-Tech's paper must pass through the administration before it goes to press, and the paper's editor and journalism adviser have charged censorship and prior restraint of news and student opinion.

Tong Suhr, Trade Winds adviser, remarked, "I'm glad that finally someone's doing something about it."

Fred Brinkman, Trade-Tech president, declined to comment on the resolution.

Edward Robings, dean of student personnel services and an administrative adviser to the paper, remarked that charges of censorship were unfounded.

### Handicapped...

(Continued from Pg. 1, Col. 4) administration. Building lowered for those in a wheelchair and fitted with a hearing device for those hard of hearing.

#### Many Problems

There continue to be problems though, the snack bar in the middle of the campus, built only two years ago, is too high for wheelchair students. Monarch Square is especially difficult for the blind to navigate.

Klein spoke of the lowered drinking fountain in the new Campus Center with gratitude. He said sometimes finding a drink is a matter of "water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink. It drives you crazy!"

Klein also wants Ethel Avenue closed. "That overpass is completely unnavigable," said Klein. "With the fence down, I could more easily attend activites in the gym."

Counselor Kopoulos said that the most difficult handicap for a student to function with at Valley is deafness. "We have seven totally deaf students and many more with degrees of deafness," he said.

#### Need Interpreters

Orthopedical interpreters are needed in the classes the deaf attend. Kopoulos is now looking for funds to accomplish this.

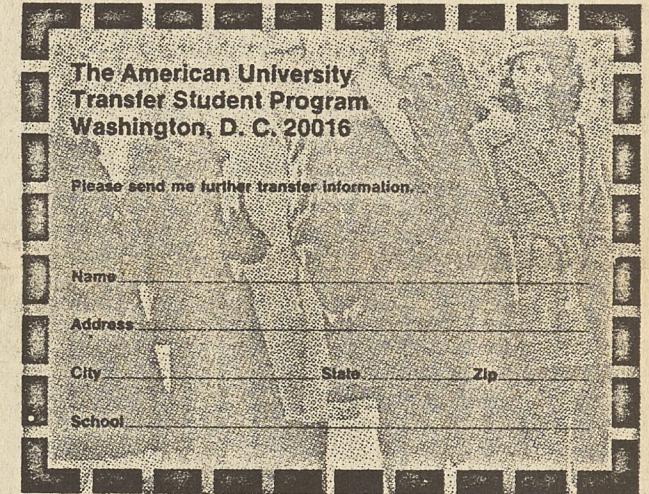
Dr. Marvin Abrahams, associate professor of political science, sees Valley's accommodating the handicapped student as a sign of Valley's maturing. He said, "We're stable now and can look into other areas that formerly were not given full treatment."

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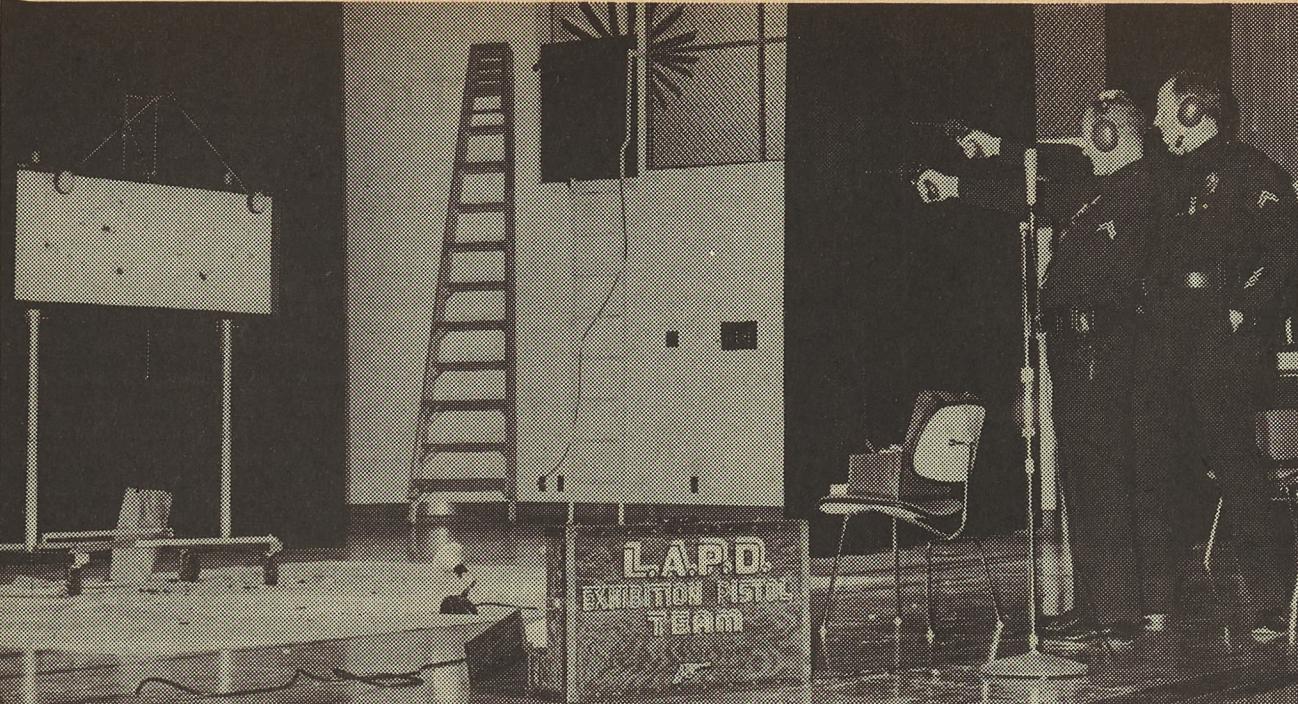
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LAPD PISTOL SHARPSHOOTERS blast balloons off a particle board in an exhibition of pistol shooting held in Monarch Hall on Tuesday. Sponsored by

the Circle K Club, the officers also gave a demonstration on weapon safety to the number of enthusiasts in the audience.

Valley Star Photo by Dubany

## 'Watergate West' Viewed

(Continued from Pg. 1, Col. 3) BSU had been bugged. (He also stated that a private conversation between BSU leaders and Trade-Tech President Fred Brinkman had been secretly recorded under a couch, but that he was unaware of this until Skipper later informed him. Skipper invoked the Fifth Amendment when questioned on this incident.)

Reporting his discoveries to Dr. Brinkman, Robings said the presi-

dent remarked: "I'm sure this won't happen again." In a March 21, 1972, declaration, Brinkman said the BSU meeting was taped on his authority after bomb threats gave him concern for his safety. Prosecuting attorneys, however, contend that it is unconstitutional to secretly record without a court warrant.

Two tapes have been submitted as evidence. In one, John Drummond, attorney for the defendants, alleg-

edly described what appeared to be a meeting of the BSU discussing "among other things, their dissatisfaction with the president of the campus at Trade-Tech, their plans to hold a rally, and the collection of dues from members." Said Mundy: "There were no violent threats in the meeting at all."

#### Room Searched

When the conference room was searched, said Brinkman under oath, no equipment was found, but that there was a small hole drilled in the wood paneling. Cole attributes the missing hardware to a "mysterious robbery."

On May 4, 1972, Brinkman was asked if he recalled his written declaration in which he admitted authorizing surveillance because of threats on his life. He invoked the Fifth Amendment.

#### Refuses Evidence

On May 19, 1972, Brinkman refused to bring into court "memoranda concerning student files and the use of electronic and other surveillance devices to record, monitor or listen . . ." Also, "memoranda including letters, memos, and directives to and from Stanley Burgess (Audio-Visual Consultant) concerning student files and the use of electronic or other surveillance devices . . ."

"These are my personal property," he told the court, "and I refuse to bring them in on the basis that these memoranda may tend to incriminate me."

Other large proportions were delegated to maintain the special bus service for students living in economically depressed areas and administration costs. Rounding out the list of priorities, roughly \$1,000 went to community service (student assistance) to pay for tutors, and another \$1,000 was swallowed up in clerical and miscellaneous costs.

Commenting on the reasons underlying the boost in EOPS funds, Mike Carr, assistant financial aids director said, "The state never gave us enough money, anyhow. Perhaps now they realize that we need the added funds to adequately help minority and other disadvantaged students."

The mice will be used by scientists for medical research to find cures for this dreaded disease. Envelopes for contributions can be picked up at the Valley Star office, BJ114, by the bulletin board.

## IOC Swapmeet Set For Opening In Four Weeks

Although wife-swapping will be outlawed, the first annual Valley College Swapmeet will be held on Saturday, May 20, for all those students who have the urge to trade unused items for cash.

The meet, sponsored by IOC and to be held in Monarch Stadium, will last from noon to 5 p.m. with a plethora of booths providing frivolous fragilities for the eyes of tempted passers-by.

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# Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks Appear With Bobby Sheen Tomorrow Night

Dan Hicks And His Hot Licks will appear in concert presented by the Associated Students of Valley tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Men's Gym. Special guest star is Bobby Sheen.

Using a backdrop of the South Pacific, potted plants on stage, the marvelous Lickettes, and music made up of part Django Reinhardt, part Mills Bros., and most important, musical visions Dan has in his head, Dan Hicks And His Hot Licks present one of the most unique performances around today.

## Touch of Past

Besides all the visual extravaganza, there is the style of Dan Hicks And His Hot Licks. They have managed to put day dreams into music with a colorful, lush touch of the past. Dan Hicks' lyrics are just as corny as they are hip, and he projects his uncanny sense of humor into his presentation of these songs.

Dressed right out of the 40's, the men are in tailored suits, the ladies in floozy dresses. Dan might come out with a burst of dancing, or quick little dead-pan insults, but the entire band does everything with taste.

## Sophisticated Corn

Each person in Dan Hicks And His Hot Licks plays their part perfectly. They are cool enough to be classified as sophisticated, sufficiently corny enough to be humorous and hip, and they bring it all together in a blend of music for you to just lay back and listen to.

In sharp contrast to Dan Hicks is Bobby Sheen. Nobody lays back when they hear Bobby singing his own

## Violinist Plays Today at 11

Linda Rose, violinist, will perform at 11 a.m. today in Monarch Hall as part of the Campus Concert Series.

Next week headlining the Campus Concert Series will be soprano Dianne Sells.

## Record Reviews

### R.C. OK; No on Yes' Wakeman

#### THE LADY'S NOT FOR SALE RITA COOLIDGE

Rita Coolidge, the husky-voiced "Delta Lady," has succeeded in cutting another truly fine album, "The Lady's Not For Sale," on A&M Records.

"My Crew" starts us on the sentimental journey of her past shows with her group, the Dixie Flyers, and her feelings of loneliness when she's separated from them. This song is dedicated to them but is more of a thank you than a "remember the good ol' days."

Her haunting Peggy Lee imitation in "Fever" creates its own rising



temperatures and is one of the best songs on the album.

As usual there are the typical Coolidge songs such as "Whiskey, Whiskey" or "Milk of Mercy" as she calls it and "A Woman Left Lonely" describing the woeful trials of losing a man, and battling flames of passion against the truth that's in her mind. As she says, "The fevers of the night, they can burn an unloved woman."

"Inside of Me," finds Rita taking a good look at herself, asking why those days of serenity turn into tomorrow's worry. Who hasn't asked himself that? She concludes that, "My mind's begun to see that my soul is what I am, what I'll always be . . . and this is what makes my spirit free," inside her own world of joys and sorrows.

Rita Coolidge sings one of her Nashville blue's ballads in the title song, "The Lady's Not For Sale." This is the story of a young girl trying to spread her "wings" and start her own life. There are some fine background vocals in this song done by Priscilla Jones, Donna Weiss, and Kris Kristofferson.

As in her past efforts, Rita Cool-

unique brand of funky soul. Backed by a band that knows how to boogie, and two girls who really know how to sing, Bobby has come a long way from the late '50's when he headed Bob B. Sox and the Blue Jeans and was produced by the legendary Phil Spector.

If you are tired of paying enormous prices to attend concerts and clubs about town, then support this concert by your attendance. Tickets are \$2 with paid I.D. and \$3 without, and are available at the Business Office and at the door.

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## What Press Conference?

### 'Equicon' Connotes Confusion

By CLYDE WEISS

All the phasers and tricorders in the universe couldn't have convinced this reporter that last Thursday night's "press conference" at the International Hotel actually heralded "the biggest, best, most hell-raising lot of fun STAR TREK convention that has ever taken place . . ."

But that's what the welcome message to Equicon (Equinox Convention) '73 stated. Don't get me wrong — I didn't expect much from the press conference (that's what I was told it was going to be). But I at least expected a press conference!

The conference, or whatever it was supposed to be, was scheduled to begin in the penthouse at 7 p.m. Journalists and photographers mingled around the bar, watched monstrous airplanes swoop down to the airport in haunting silence, or stirred the ice in their glasses. He had nothing better to do at 8 p.m. in light of the fact that no conference to discuss the weekend convention had yet materialized.

One official at the entrance to the penthouse summed it up quite succinctly: "Everybody's here but the ones who are supposed to be here — as usual."

Who was supposed to come? Nobody was quite sure. Chairs awaited the unknown guests. A closed-circuit TV camera focused on the empty seats. Ray Bradbury would surely be there said one optimistic official. Too optimistic.

Aha! Uhura! Our first celebrity had arrived! Nichelle Nichols, wearing a dress lined with tribble fur (they're

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